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P 142328Z APR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: SHUM, CSCE, SOPN, RO

SUBJECT:DISSIDENTS: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN APRIL 14. SUBJECTS COVERED DID NOT  
RPT NOT ARISE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. QUESTION: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE  
REPORT THAT ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES BEGAN A CAMPAIGN ON APRIL  
2 TO SEVER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DISSIDENTS AND FOREIGN  
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS? ANSWER: FOR ABOUT 24 HOURS DURING  
THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 2-3, IT APPEARED THAT ALL ROMANIAN  
VISITORS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST WERE BEING  
QUESTIONED OR PREVENTED FROM ENTERING. THIS UNUSUAL  
ACTIVITY ENDED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3. QUESTION: DID WE PRO-  
TEST TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT? ANSWER: AMBASSADOR  
HARRY G. BARNES, JR., DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE ROMAN-  
IAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON APRIL 3. QUESTION: WOULD YOU  
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TERM BARNES' CONVERSATION A PROTEST? ANSWER: I WOULD NOT  
ATTEMPT TO CHARACTERIZE IT BEYOND SAYING THE MATTER WAS  
RAISED. QUESTION: DID IT STOP AS A RESULT OF BARNES'  
CONVERSATION? ANSWER: WE DO NOT KNOW. QUESTION: THERE  
IS A REPORT THAT PAUL GOMA, THE ROMANIAN DISSIDENT WRITER,

HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN BUCHAREST. THERE IS ALSO A REPORT

THAT EIGHT OTHER DISSIDENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO WORK CAMPS  
FOR A YEAR. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS? ANSWER:  
WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS THAT GOMA HAS BEEN ARRESTED BUT ARE  
NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THEM. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THERE  
ARE ANY WORK OR LABOR CAMPS IN ROMANIA, BUT WE UNDERSTAND  
THAT SEVERAL PERSONS MAY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED JOBS IN FAC-  
TORIES OR ON FARMS. ROMANIAN LAW PROVIDES THAT PERSONS  
WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED CAN BE SO ASSIGNED. END QUOTE.  
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